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HE PICKED
A SHARP CURVE
TO JUMP OFF AT!
THE TRAIN ALWAYS
SLOWS DOWN
HERE!

I COULDN'T
HELP IT, C.B.—
THE NEXT THING
I KNEW HE
WAS FREE!

SAVE THE
EXPLANATION FOR
LATER! RIGHT NOW,
WE MUST GRAB HIM!
HE'S THE MOST
DANGEROUS CONVICT
IN AMERICA!

**CHARLES
BIRO**



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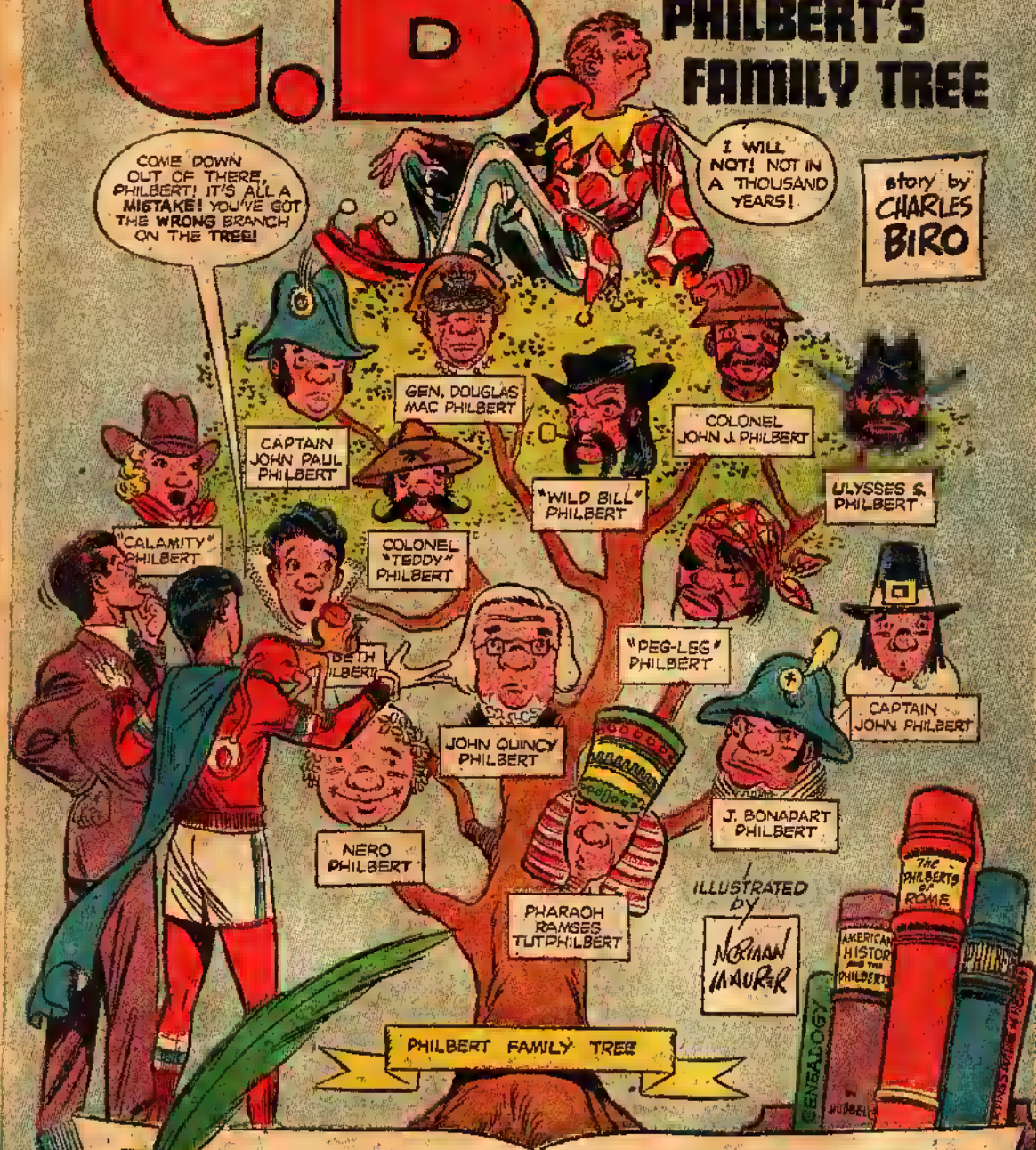
C.B.

AND THE FANTASTIC RIDDLE OF PHILBERT'S FAMILY TREE

story by
**CHARLES
BIRO**

COME DOWN
OUT OF THERE,
PHILBERT! IT'S ALL A
MISTAKE! YOU'VE GOT
THE WRONG BRANCH
ON THE TREE!

I WILL
NOT! NOT IN
A THOUSAND
YEARS!



THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE IS NOT WHAT YOUR FOREBEARS
MADE OF THEMSELVES—BUT WHAT YOU MAKE OF YOURSELF! THIS IS THE
STORY OF AN EGO-MANIAC WHO THOUGHT OTHERWISE! HE GIVES C.B.
AND SQUEEKS A LOT OF HEADACHES—AND A LOT OF LAUGHS—IN THIS
STORY OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A SQUARE STARTS CLIMBING THE
BRANCHES OF HIS FAMILY TREE!

Charles Biro

HI, LOOVER! THE COMMISSIONER SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE ME ABOUT SOMETHING! WHAT IS IT? A NEW CASE?

NOPE! WORSE THAN THAT, C.B.! I'M REALLY IMPOSING ON YOU TO EVEN ASK YOU TO DO THIS FAVOR FOR ME, BUT I'M ON THE SPOT! I'M SPEAKING AT THE MAYOR'S CONVENTION OUT WEST, AND MY PLANE LEAVES IN HALF AN HOUR! JUST TWENTY MINUTES AGO, I RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM MY NEPHEW, PHILBERT, SAYING HE WAS ARRIVING AT NOON TO PAY ME A VISIT!

WOULD YOU BE A GOOD GUY AND KEEP HIM COMPANY TILL I GET BACK? FRANKLY, IT WILL BE ANYTHING BUT A PLEASURE FOR YOU! HE'S AN AWFUL DRIP - BUT IT WILL ONLY BE FOR A DAY!

YOU MUST BE EXAGGERATING, LOOVER! IF HE'S YOUR NEPHEW HE MUST BE A PRETTY NICE KID!

SO LONG, LOOVER! AND HAVE A GOOD TIME! DON'T WORRY ABOUT PHILBERT! I'LL GET ALONG WITH HIM! I'M SURE WE'LL FIND SOME MUTUAL INTEREST!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, C.B.! MY GUESS IS THAT THIS IS ONE ASSIGNMENT YOU'LL REGRET! I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU SOMEDAY!

BE SURE TO SEE THAT YOU HAVE ALL THE LUGGAGE, HORTON!

YES, SIR, MASTER PHILBERT!

OH-OH! IT DOESN'T LOOK VERY PROMISING AT THAT!

...AND SO I PROMISED YOUR UNCLE THAT I'D KEEP YOU COMPANY UNTIL HE GOT BACK!

HUMPH! IF THERE'S ANYTHING I HATE IT'S BEING STUCK WITH SOMEONE WITH WHOM I HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON! AND I CAN TELL AT A GLANCE THAT YOU AND I ARE NOT THE LEAST COMPATIBLE!

OH, COME NOW, IT CAN'T BE THAT BAD! LET'S AT LEAST TRY AND BE FRIENDS! WHAT WOULD YOU ENJOY DOING? HOW ABOUT...

UGH! TAKE THIS MANGY MONKEY OF YOURS OFF ME!

I SUPPOSE I SHOULDN'T EXPECT ANYTHING BETTER! A PERSON IS KNOWN BY THE COMPANY HE KEEPS, ONLY I SHOULD THINK EVEN YOU WOULD DRAW THE LINE AT A MONKEY!

SQUEEKS IS A LOT NICER THAN SOME HUMANS I'VE MET! BUT WHAT'S THE USE OF TALKING! LET'S GET GOING!

I'LL FIND A WAY TO ENTERTAIN THIS GUY OR DIE IN THE ATTEMPT!

AREN'T THE SKYSCRAPERS WONDERFUL?

I DETEST THEM! THE CITY IS NOTHING BUT AN UGLY, DIRTY PLACE! ONLY MORONS WOULD CHOOSE TO LIVE HERE!

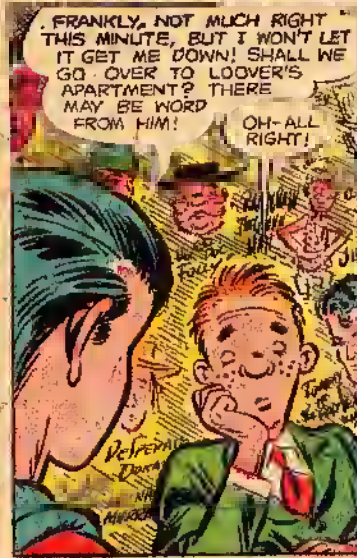
I THINK YOU'LL ENJOY EATING HERE! IT'S THE FAVORITE SPOT OF THE CARTOONISTS! HOW DO YOU LIKE THE MURALS?

I LOATHE CARTOONS! IT'S THE LOWEST FORM OF ART, IN MY OPINION!



FOR GOSH SAKES WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO ENJOY LIFE INSTEAD OF ALWAYS FINDING FAULT? WHY NOT SEE THE BRIGHT SIDE OF THINGS?

WHAT BRIGHT SIDE? WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO BE HAPPY ABOUT?



FRANKLY, NOT MUCH RIGHT THIS MINUTE, BUT I WON'T LET IT GET ME DOWN! SHALL WE GO OVER TO LOOVER'S APARTMENT? THERE MAY BE WORD FROM HIM!

OH-ALL RIGHT!



LOOVER! AM I EVER GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU! WHEN WILL YOU BE BACK?

I'VE BEEN ASKED TO STAY OVER A COUPLE OF DAYS TO WORK ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL! CAN YOU HOLD OUT A LITTLE LONGER?



OH, NO, LOOVER! NOT THAT! I'VE DONE MY BEST, BUT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IS MY LIMIT!

PU-LEASE, C.B! I KNOW IT'S ASKING A LOT, BUT DO ME THIS FAVOR AND I'LL BE INDEBTED FOR LIFE!



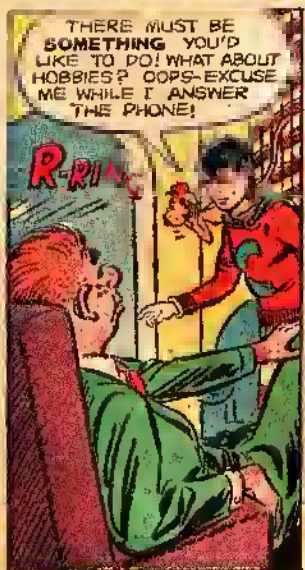
WELL, I JUST HEARD FROM LOOVER, AND HE'S GOING TO BE AWAY A FEW DAYS LONGER, SO IT LOOKS AS THOUGH WE'LL BE SEEING A LOT OF EACH OTHER 'TIL HE GETS BACK!

THAT'S A CHEERFUL PROSPECT, I MUST SAY!

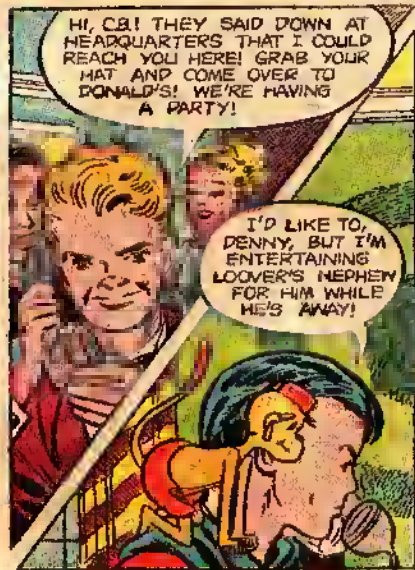


AS LONG AS IT'S SO, LET'S MAKE THE BEST OF IT! NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO TONIGHT? GO TO A MUSICAL COMEDY? TAKE IN A PRIZE FIGHT...?

OH, THERE'S NOTHING I WANT TO DO! ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!



THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO DO! WHAT ABOUT HOBBIES? OOPS-EXCUSE ME WHILE I ANSWER THE PHONE!



HI, C.B! THEY SAID DOWN AT HEADQUARTERS THAT I COULD REACH YOU HERE! GRAB YOUR HAT AND COME OVER TO DONALD'S! WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!

I'D LIKE TO, DENNY, BUT I'M ENTERTAINING LOOVER'S NEPHEW FOR HIM WHILE HE'S AWAY!



FOR PETE'S SAKE, BRING HIM ALONG! ANY FRIEND OF YOURS IS WELCOME!

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING INTO, DENNY! IF HE'S AGREEABLE, WE'LL BE OVER IN HALF AN HOUR!







HOW UNFORTUNATE! IT STILL DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE! HE SHOULD BE REPLACED! I'M AN ARDENT REFORMER!

YOU'RE A PAIN IN THE NECK! STILL, THERE MUST BE A CHINK IN YOUR ARMOR SOMEWHERE, AND I'M GOING TO FIND IT! SKIP THE LETTERS-WE'RE GOING TO SEE THE TOWN!

HA-HA-HA-HA!

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

GOSH, THIS STRIP IS A HONEY TODAY! TAKE A LOOK!

I NEVER READ THE COMICS! IT'S NOTHING BUT LOWBROW HUMOR!

LOOK AT THAT COUPLE! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING FUNNIER IN MY LIFE!

I SEE NOTHING HUMOROUS IN IT! DANCING IS A WASTE OF VALUABLE TIME!

AREN'T THEY CUTE AND FUNNY?

ANIMALS BORE ME!



DO NOT FEED ANIMALS



JUST WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF A GOOD TIME? WHAT WOULD YOU SUGGEST FOR TOMORROW'S ENTERTAINMENT?

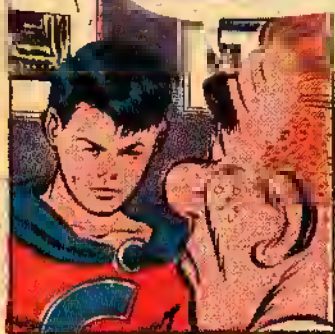
THERE'S AN UNDERTAKER'S CONVENTION AT THE DOWNTOWN HOTEL. I'D RATHER ENJOY ATTENDING THAT! IN THE MEANTIME, TONIGHT I'M DOING SOME RESEARCH! I SENT HORTON, MY VALET, TO THE LIBRARY FOR SOME BOOKS!

RESEARCH? WHAT SORT OF RESEARCH?

GENEALOGY! I'VE DECIDED TO CHECK BACK AND DISCOVER MY ANCESTRY! AFTER ALL, I BELIEVE EVERYONE IS NOTHING MORE OR LESS THAN THE PRODUCT OF HIS ANCESTORS! CONSIDERING MY UNUSUAL INTELLECT, I FEEL CERTAIN THAT I MUST HAVE A MOST REMARKABLE FAMILY OF GENIUSES IN IT!

I INTEND TO DISCOVER THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF MY ANCESTORS, AND USE IT AS THE BASIS FOR CHOOSING MY CAREER!

OF ALL THE CRAZY IDEAS...



YOU WOULD THINK THAT-PROBABLY BECAUSE YOUR FAMILY TREE IS VERY COMMON AND ORDINARY!

OH, I GIVE UP! SO LONG-I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW, AND GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FAMILY TREE! I HOPE YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED! COME ON, SQUEEKS!

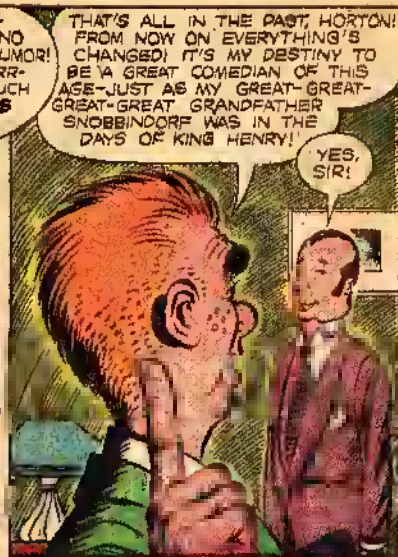
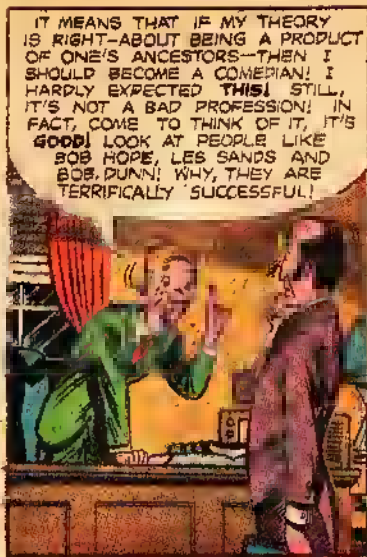
THIS IS INTERESTING, SIR! ACCORDING TO THIS, YOUR GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER WAS A WYNDISTOCK, AND HE WAS RELATED ON HIS FATHER'S SIDE TO THE SNOBBINDORFS

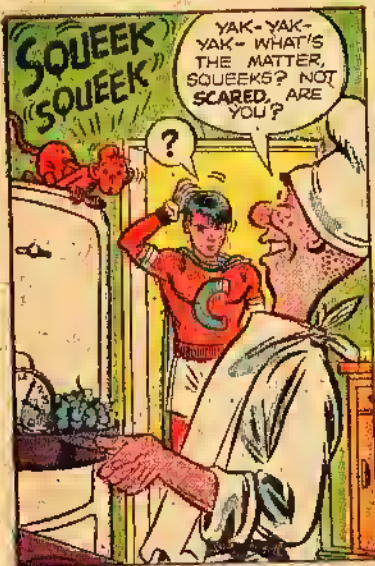
YES-YES, GO ON-WHAT WAS THE SNOBBINDORF'S PROFESSION?

SNOBBINDORF WAS KING HENRY THE EIGHTH'S ROYAL JESTER! ACCORDING TO THIS BOOK, HE WAS THE OUTSTANDING JESTER IN ALL HISTORY!

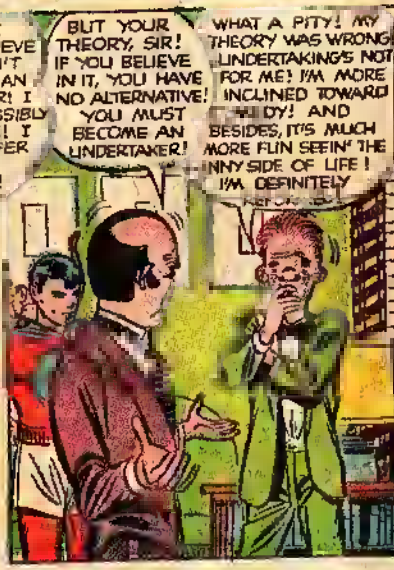
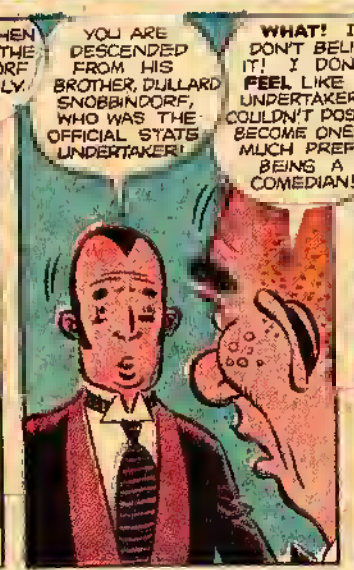
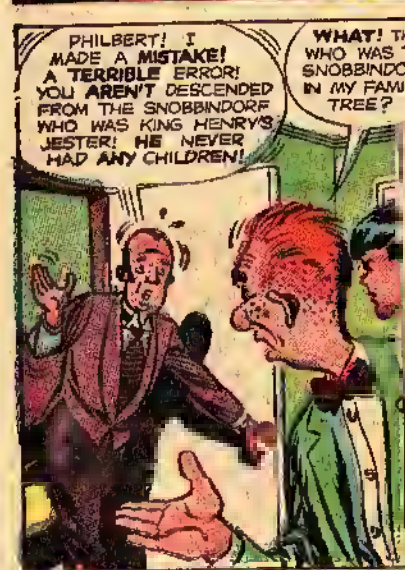
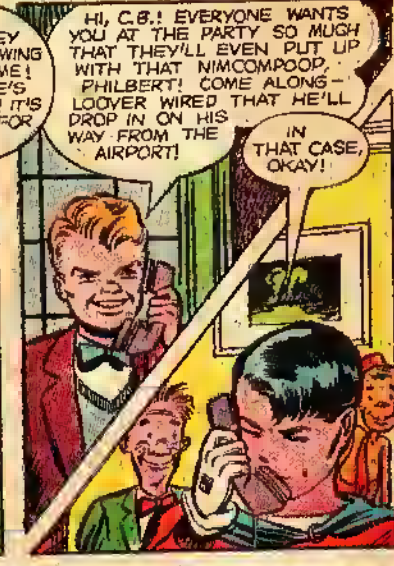


HE WAS! GOOD HEAVENS-DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS?











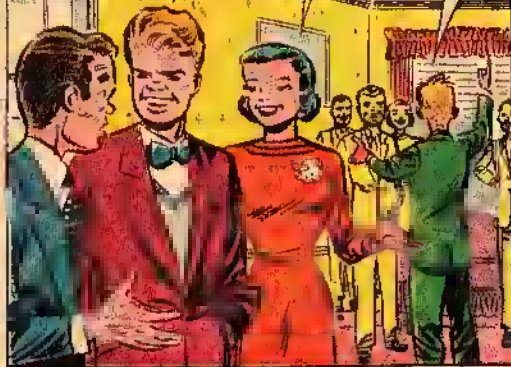
I CAN'T GET OVER THE CHANGE IN HIM!

HIS STUFF IS MORE CORNY THAN STALE CORNMEAL, BUT COMING FROM HIM IT SOUNDS FUNNY!

HE'S CERTAINLY A CHANGED CHARACTER! HE EVEN TRIED TO DATE ME—AND WHAT A LIE!

...AND THE MAN SAID, I KNOW MY ROOF LEAKS, BUT WHEN IT DON'T RAIN, IT DON'T LEAK, AND WHEN IT DOES RAIN, I CAN'T FIX IT! YAK-YAK-YAK!

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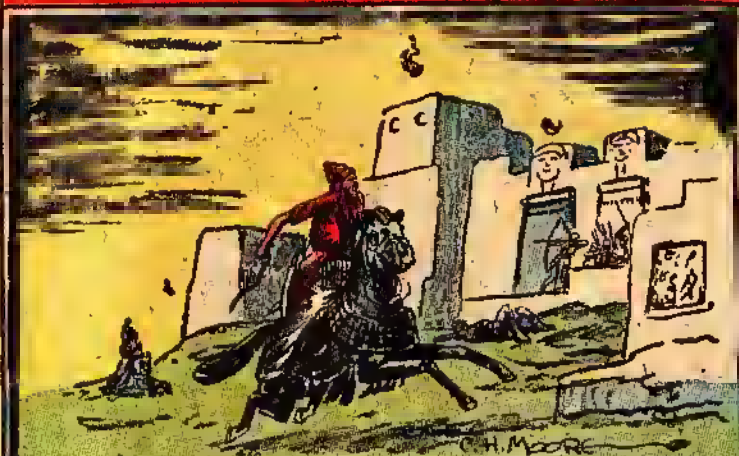
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ADD INSANITY TO THE VICIOUS MACHINATIONS OF THE TWISTED CRIMINAL MIND--AND YOU HAVE CREATED A FRANKENSTEIN THAT IS ALMOST TOO EVIL TO COMPREHEND! "THE APE" IS JUST SUCH A MONSTER! HIS CAPTURE AND CONVICTION MEAN ONLY THE BEGINNING OF TROUBLE THAT IS CLIMAXED BY A LEAP FROM A SPEEDING PLANE--HOW DO C.B. AND SQUEEKS SURVIVE THIS DANGER-PACKED DEATH DIVE?

Charles Biro

ILLUSTRATED
BY
GRANDPNETTI

WHO'LL
BE
FIRST TO
JUMP?

BUT...
YOU THREW
OUT THE EXTRA
PARACHUTES!
WE'LL ALL BE
KILLED!

IF I JUMP,
WILL YOU LET
THE OTHERS LIVE?
WHY KILL INNOCENT
PEOPLE?

HERE IS A MAN WHO HAS
BEEN MOVING STEP BY STEP TOWARD
MURDER OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS!
LISTEN TO HIS RECORD! ASSAULT--
ROBBERY-- ARSON-- BLACKMAIL...

...THE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM IS
IRREFUTABLE! HE WAS CAUGHT AT
THE SCENE OF THE CRIME WITH A
KNIFE IN HIS HANDS AND HIS
CLOTHING SPATTERED WITH
BLOOD...

... HE IS A VICIOUS,
DANGEROUS CRIMINAL
WHO...

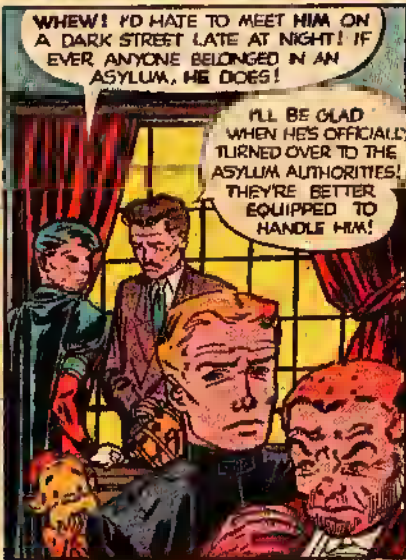
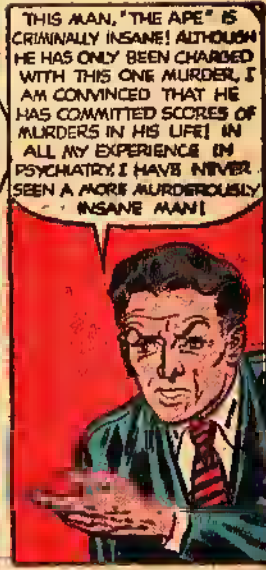
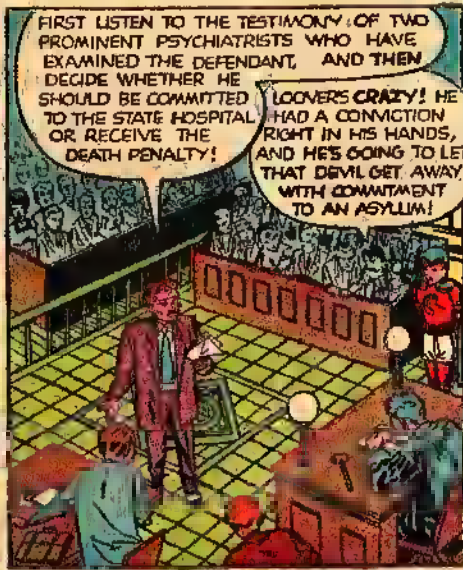
DUCK, LOOVER!

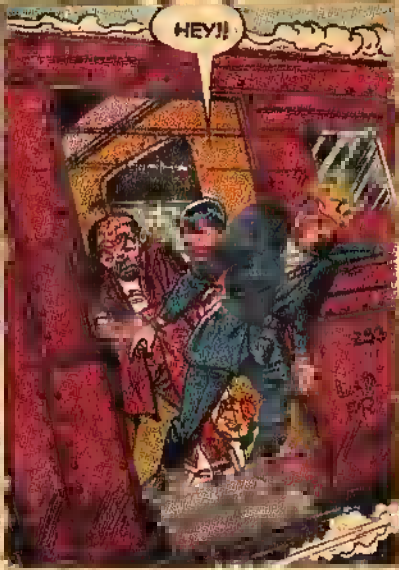
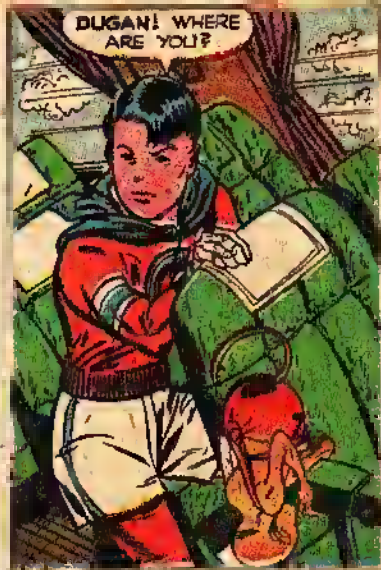
I'LL KILL YOU!
I'LL CRUSH EVERY
BONE IN YOUR
BODY!

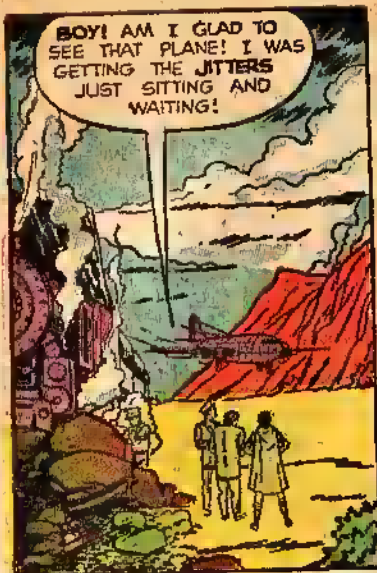
HANDCUFF
THIS DEVIL
TO THE
CHAIR!

LOOVER HAS THIS
CASE CINCHED, C.B.!
THE JURY WON'T EVEN
HAVE TO LEAVE THE
JURY BOX TO REVEAL
A GUILTY VERDICT!

HE'S ONE
OF THE
MOST
VICIOUS
MURDERERS
I'VE EVER
SEEN! HIS
NAME, "THE
APE", CERTAINLY
FITS HIM!







BOY! AM I GLAD TO SEE THAT PLANE! I WAS GETTING THE JITTERS JUST SITTING AND WAITING!



GOLLY, BOB, I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO BRING A PLANE COMPLETE WITH A HOSTESS!

"PERFECT SERVICE" - THAT'S OUR MOTTO!



THERE! THAT OUGHT TO KEEP HIM UNDER CONTROL - AND I'LL BE SITTING JUST ACROSS THE AISLE AS AN EXTRA PRE-CAUTION!

THE TRIP WOULD BE FUN IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT AWFUL MAN! JUST LOOKING AT HIM! SCARES ME!



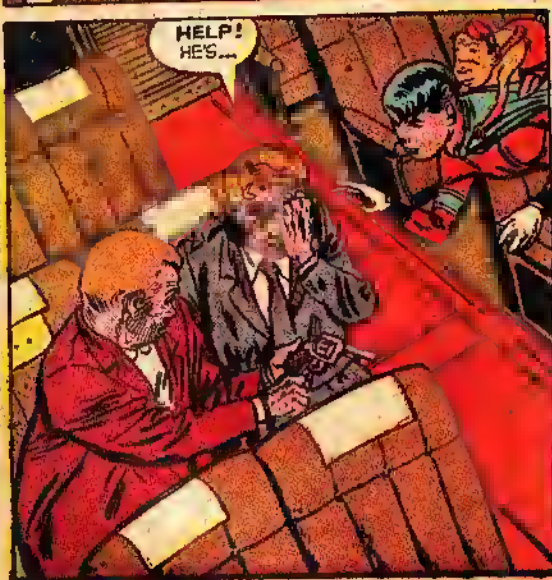
WOULD ANY OF YOU CARE FOR SOME HOT COFFEES?

YEAH, I'D LIKE A CUP! OKAY WITH YOU, CHUM?

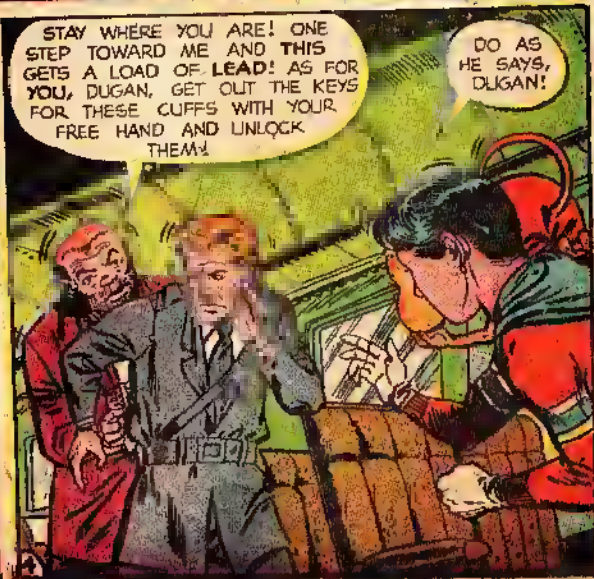
SURE - GO AHEAD!



SWOOSH!

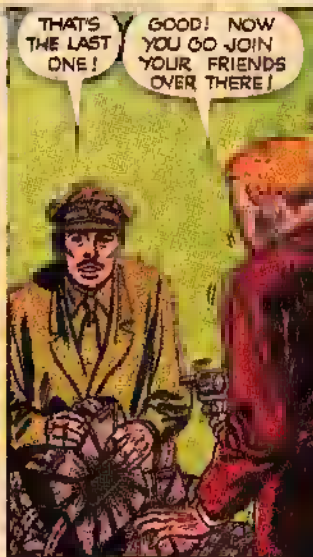
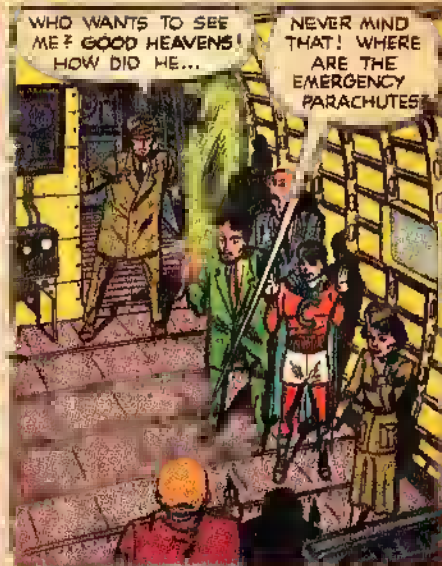


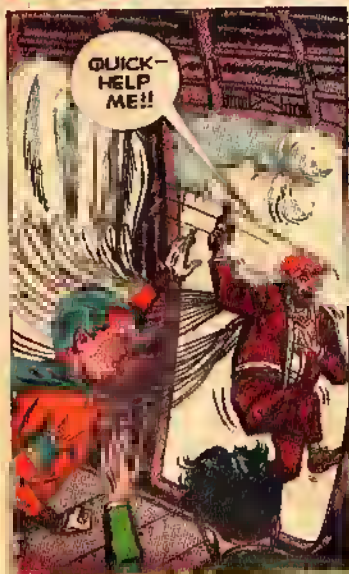
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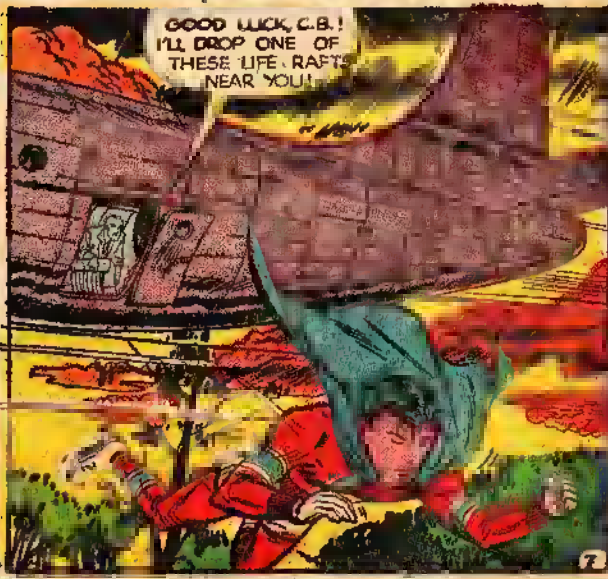
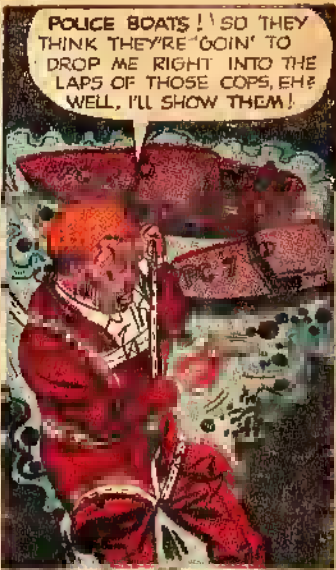


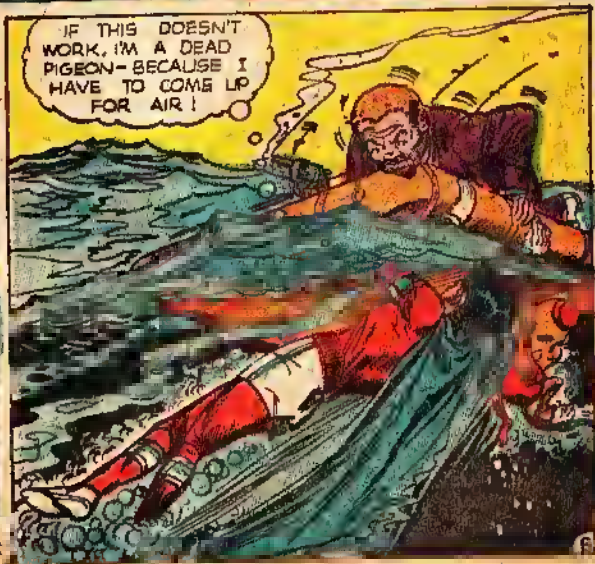
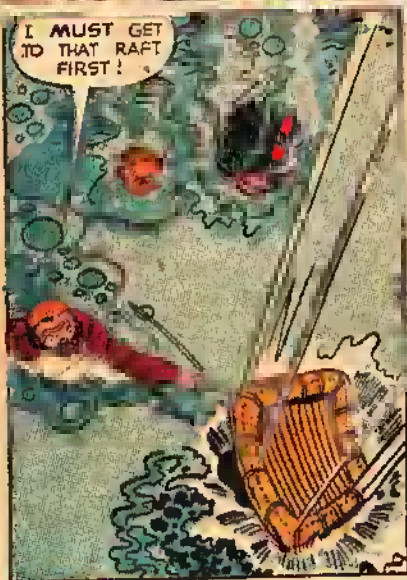
STAY WHERE YOU ARE! ONE STEP TOWARD ME AND THIS GETS A LOAD OF LEAD! AS FOR YOU, DUGAN, GET OUT THE KEYS FOR THESE CUFFS WITH YOUR FREE HAND AND UNLOCK THEM!

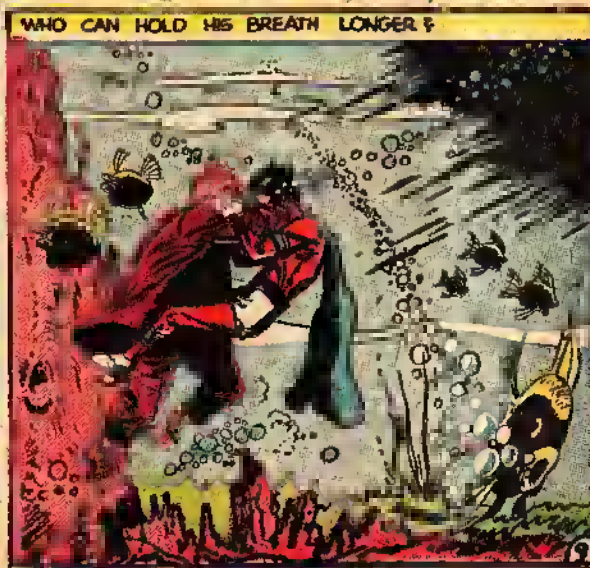
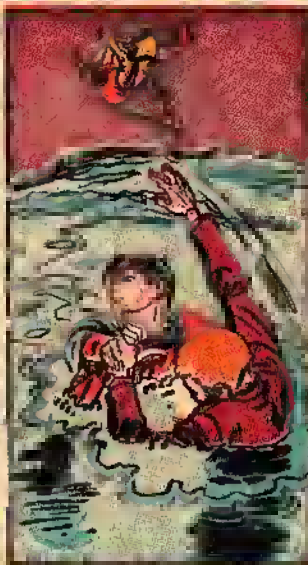
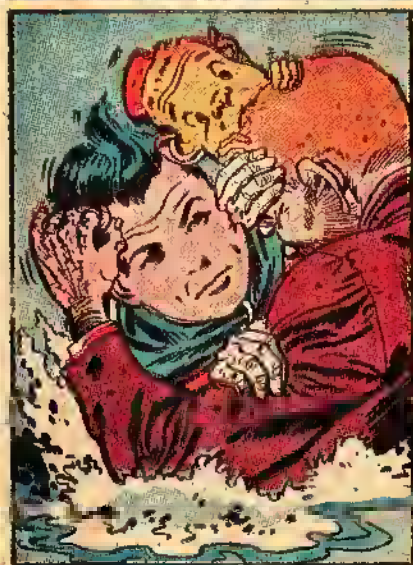
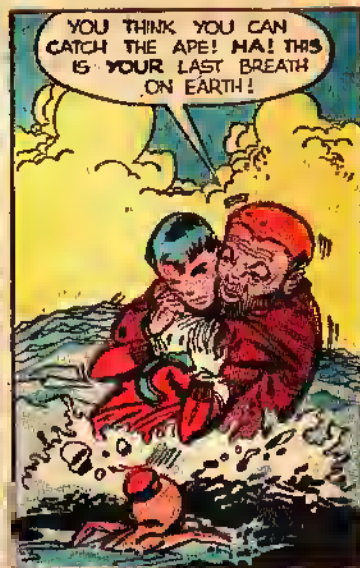
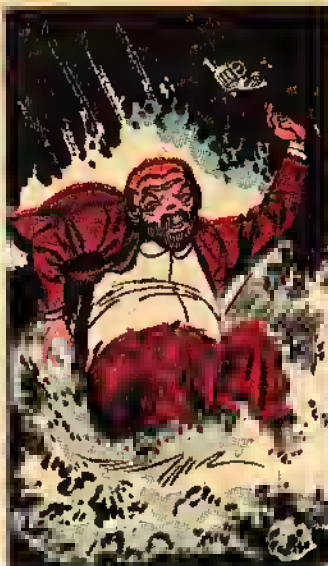
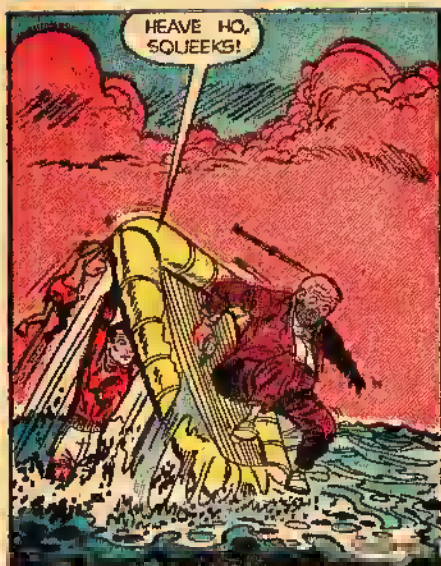
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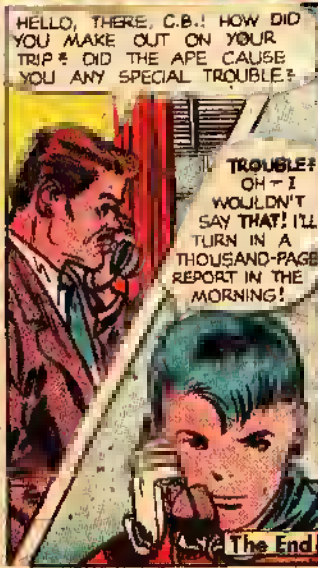
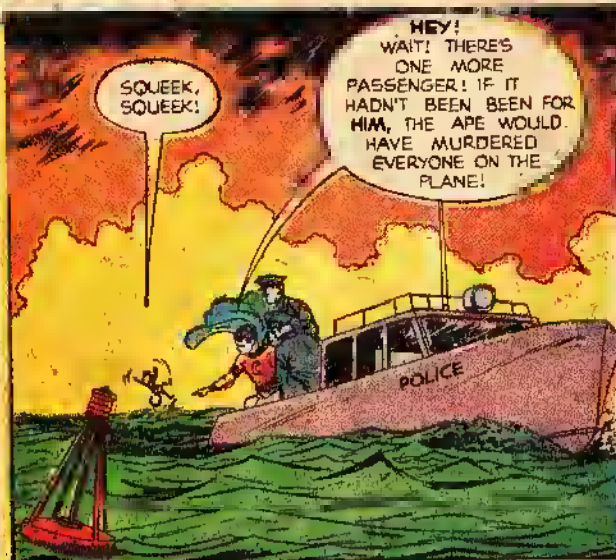












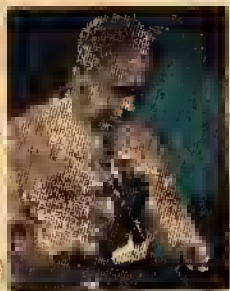
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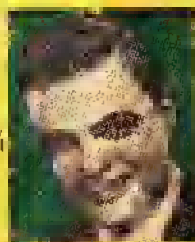
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CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors

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PEE WEE *TAKES* THE COUNT!

"BOY! What a fighter that Jig Maloney is!" Pee Wee said admiringly, as he stopped outside the theater marquee to spar a bit with the blazing poster that advertised films of the new heavyweight champ's most recent fight. "Look at me! Scarecrow, look at me! I'm fightin' Big Jig Maloney!"

"Sure," laughed Scarecrow, "and you're beating him, too—as long as you stick to fighting the paper one. You don't have to guess what would happen if you met the *real* one, do you?"

Pee Wee stopped his shadow-boxing and he and Scarecrow walked on. "Gee," said Pee Wee hopefully, "I'd like to learn how to box! I wish Jig Maloney was my dad! He could teach me everything about it, and then being little wouldn't be so bad. I could lick people *twice* my size. If I *had* to, of course. I wouldn't go around just picking on people for a fight. But it sure would be fun to know all the tricks *he* knows!"

"We start boxing in school next year," replied Scarecrow. "We can learn something about it then. And then the Boy's Club has a boxing instructor."

"Yeah, but that's not the real thing," Pee Wee said disgustedly. "That's not like—Ow! What hit me?" He looked up at Scarecrow. "Did you do that? Hit my cheek?"

"No!" said Scarecrow indignantly. "You're dreaming things. It's probably your imagination. You're imagining a prize—Hey! Don't *kick* me!"

"I didn't!" said Pee Wee. "So it's imagination, huh? Well, how do *you* like it? What gives here, anyway? Hey! Look, Scarecrow! Over there! A kid just ducked over that high fence. He's got a bean-shooter! Let's get him!"

The two boys started off at a run. They clambered over the high wood fence just in time to see their assailant, a slender boy with glasses, disappearing around the corner of an apartment building. By the time they got there, he had disappeared.

"Aw! He probably went into one of those apartments. We'll never find him, Pee Wee." Scarecrow turned disgustedly away.

"Wait a minute!" said Pee Wee. "If he lives in one of those apartments, there's just a chance he might look out and see if we're chasing him. Let's hang around a minute."

The two boys sauntered casually in front of the apartments. All was quiet in the empty street. Suddenly

"Oh! My cheek!" cried Pee Wee. "There he is! That kid with that sissy suit in the second

story hall window. Watch out, Scarecrow. He's firing again. You take this entrance and I'll take that one. Maybe we can corner him!"

The boys started toward the apartment building, and the figure in the window disappeared. Pee Wee panted up the stairs after him. As he came to the head of the first flight, he heard footsteps on the flight above, and doubled his efforts to catch up. The third floor, fourth floor, and finally the fifth and top floor. He found his quarry trying frantically to open the door to the roof, but it was locked. Both boys were so exhausted from the chase they could hardly speak.

"Wh-what's the (puff-puff) big idea?" panted Pee Wee.

"I-I'm just hav-having fun!" protested the other.

"Fun! Yeah, from behind a fence!" sneered Pee Wee. "You're *scared* to come out and do something like that in the open. Just a scaredy-cat, that's all *you* are!"

"I am *not*!" The bespectacled boy backed into a corner. "It was just a joke!"

"Well, it's a corny kind of a joke," retorted Pee Wee, "picking on people from behind fences. Only a sissy would do that!"

"You take that back," shouted the other, and as he backed up even further, he tripped on a door stop. His arm flailed out in an attempt to keep his balance. Pee Wee, who didn't realize that the other boy had tripped, caught the blow on his chin. It made him stagger for a moment, then . . .

"So you want to fight, huh!" he shouted, and with that he lit into him, arms swinging like windmills.

"No! I-I . . ." but Pee Wee was too busy to listen. For a minute, he had the advantage, then, surprisingly, the boy seemed to pull himself together. As soon as he had recovered his balance, he began to parry and duck, placing his blows carefully and well. Pee Wee realized he'd taken on more than he could cope with, but he carried on gamely. It was a losing fight.

"Gee, (puff-puff) I don't want to *hurt* y-you," panted the boy. With a quick movement, he grabbed Pee Wee's wrist, flipped him over, and plopped him on the floor. Just as Pee Wee realized the fight was lost, Scarecrow came panting up the stairs, rounded the corner, and saw what was going on. In a minute he was pulling at the winner's collar, trying to get him off Pee Wee. His superior size and strength changed the odds. The other boy dangled helplessly in Scarecrow's grasp.

"Let him go, Scarecrow!" said Pee Wee, getting up off the floor and brushing off his clothes. He looked at the new boy with admiration. "He won the fight fair and square. And two against one isn't fair."

"Are you sure he didn't hurt you?" Scarecrow said skeptically. He released the bespectacled boy reluctantly.

"No, he didn't," replied Pee Wee, "and what's more, he could have if he'd wanted to. Gee, you sure know how to fight! Let's be friends! My name's Pee Wee and this is Scarecrow."

"I'm Lester Maloney," said the other, grinning as he held out his hand to the others. Gee, I hope you're all right. I didn't want to fight, but I didn't know what else to do. I'm sorry about the bean shooter. It sure was fun, though—you both looked so surprised! Come on home with me and we'll all have a coke."

The three boys started down the stairs together. "Where did you learn to fight, Lester?" asked Pee Wee. "Boy, you must really love it to be such an expert. I've never seen anybody that good but a professional. But I wish I hadn't found it out the hard way," he added ruefully, rubbing his chin.

"I don't like to fight at all," Lester answered. "I *bate* it. I'd much rather do *anything* but box, but my dad wants me to know how and I do it to please him." He opened the door of the apartment and the three went into the kitchen. After Lester had provided cokes for the three, he said, "If you like boxing so much, Pee Wee, how about coming in to see out gymnasium?"

"Golly! A real gymnasium in your home!" exclaimed Pee Wee. "Wait a minute! I get it! Lester Maloney! A gymnasium! Your dad isn't—isn't *Jig Maloney*?"

"Yep!" replied Lester. "I hoped you wouldn't find out. Dad's a wonderful guy, but—but I guess I sort of wish he was like other fathers. You know, a business man, or a teacher, or something dignified."

"Being heavy-weight champion is dignified enough for *me*!" said Scarecrow. "To think you don't like to box—and when you have the most famous teacher in the world, too!"

Lester gave a feeble swing at a punching bag. "You can have it! Of course, I wouldn't tell Dad. It would hurt his feelings too much. But I'd much rather spend my time reading, or—I guess it *does* sound like a sissy, but I—I like music a lot. I just *love* it. Every hour I spend boxing is just so much time lost for practicing the piano. And then, too, I worry about hurting my hands. Hands are awfully important to a pianist. I'd rather be a pianist than . . . Ulp!" Lester suddenly turned white as a sheet and stared at the doorway. "Uh, D-Dad! Hi! I—I was just talking to my new friends. I—uh, this is Pee Wee and Scarecrow!"

Big Jig Maloney, all 250 pounds of him, stood

in the doorway. Pee Wee and Scarecrow gaped in admiration. Jig Maloney! And to think they were meeting him in person. But the fighter had no eyes for his two admirers. He was looking at his son.

"Les," he said slowly, "I didn't know you felt that way. I thought . . ."

"Oh, dad," Lester came forward, "I didn't mean it *that* way! I *love* boxing! Really I do!"

"You can't kid me, Les," replied Big Jig. "Don't worry. It's okay. I guess I just got carried away. I love boxing so much I take it for granted everybody does—especially boys. Well, I guess we'll skip the lesson for today. Buck up, kid! It's a good thing I found out how you feel." With that, he turned and started out the door. He didn't hear Pee Wee chasing after him, and he turned only after Pee Wee tugged at his coattails.

"Hey, wait, Mr. Maloney!" he cried. "I—that is, we—well, I know this is awfully nervy, but do you think that *we* could take Lester's place? Gee, I'd *love* to know how to box. So would Scarecrow—and Jock and Curly. Then Lester could practice all he wanted to, and—and you could teach us." The fighter turned and looked down at Pee Wee, who suddenly realized how brash he had been. "I'm sorry. I shouldn't have asked. I just thought . . ."

"You just thought you could take the place of my son," Big Jig replied. "You just thought you could pick up some boxing lessons. Well, do you know, I think you thought about right. When do you want to start?" And he smiled at the two boys.

"Gee! Golly! Oh, wait till I tell Jock and Curly," whooped Pee Wee. "*Real boxing lessons*—and with *Jig Maloney* teaching us!"

The fighter came over and felt Pee Wee's muscle. "This other fellow will do all right, but . . ."

Pee Wee's face fell. "You're not going to cut me out of it—just because I'm sort of small, are you?"

"I'm afraid I'll have to, Pee Wee," said the fighter sternly, "unless you can think up a new class for yourself. You're not even eligible for feather weight!"

"Oh, that's okay, Mr. Maloney," Pee Wee replied. "Until I get a little bigger, I'll just fight 'Pee Wee-weight'."

"Pee Wee-weight' it is," grinned Big Jig, and the boys started back into the gymnasium. "And for the time being, that automatically makes you champion of your class. Okay, champion, put up your mitts! Lester, go practice the piano! I've got a championship to defend."

Scarecrow looked on, awed. "Golly, from sparring a poster to sparring the real person in just one hour! At this rate, Pee Wee, you'll be world champ in two lessons!"

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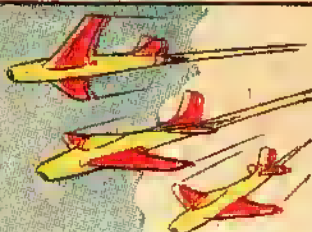
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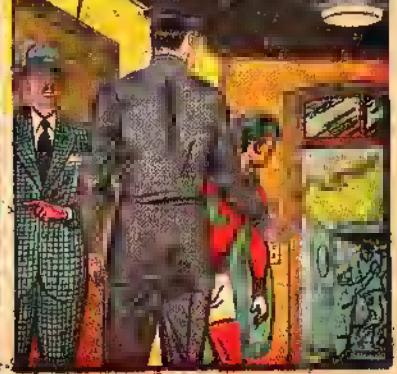
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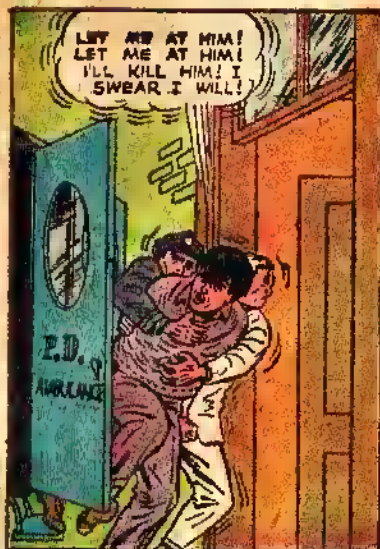
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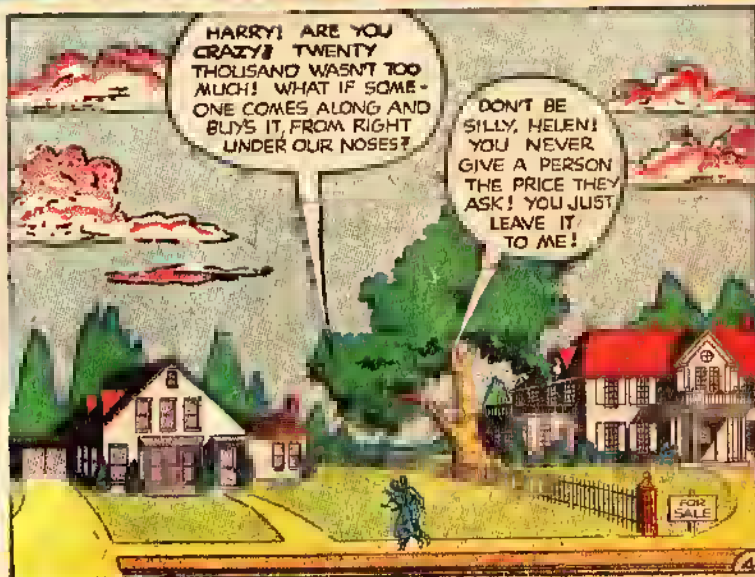
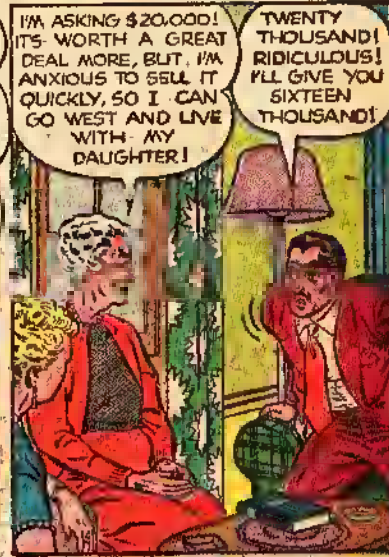
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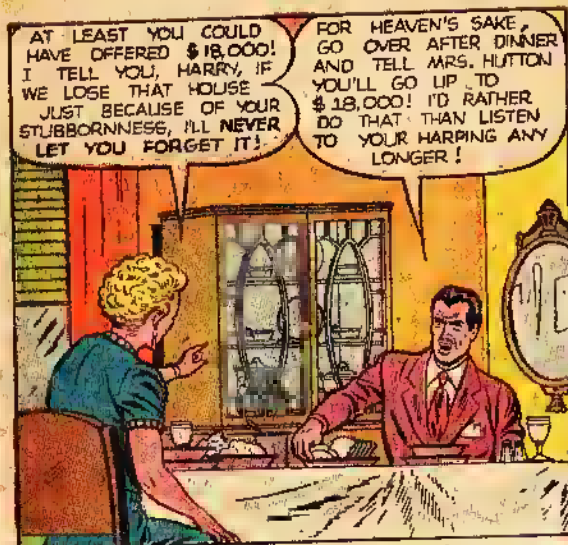
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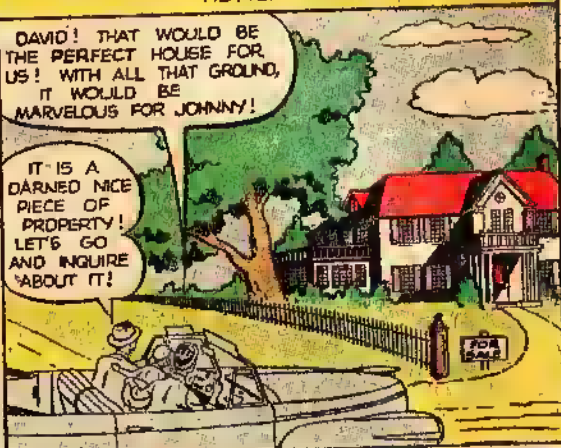
AT LEAST YOU COULD HAVE OFFERED \$18,000! I TELL YOU, HARRY, IF WE LOSE THAT HOUSE JUST BECAUSE OF YOUR STUBBORNNESS, I'LL NEVER LET YOU FORGET IT!

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, GO OVER AFTER DINNER AND TELL MRS. HUTTON YOU'LL GO UP TO \$18,000! I'D RATHER DO THAT THAN LISTEN TO YOUR HARPING ANY LONGER!

HOWEVER, IN THE MEANTIME, IT JUST HAPPENED THAT JANET AND I WERE OUT LOOKING FOR A HOUSE, AND WE SAW THE "FOR SALE" ON THE HUTTON PROPERTY!

DAVID! THAT WOULD BE THE PERFECT HOUSE FOR US! WITH ALL THAT GROUND, IT WOULD BE MARVELOUS FOR JOHNNY!

IT IS A DARNED NICE PIECE OF PROPERTY! LET'S GO AND INQUIRE ABOUT IT!



TWENTY THOUSAND IS A LITTLE MORE THAN I COULD MANAGE! YOU WOULDN'T CONSIDER EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, WOULD YOU? FRANKLY, THAT'S THE MOST I CAN AFFORD!

WELL-I HAD HOPED TO GET MORE, BUT I AM ANXIOUS TO SELL-AND YOU'RE JUST THE KIND OF PEOPLE I'D LIKE TO SEE OWN THE HOUSE!

HERE'S A CHECK FOR \$2,000 AS A DEPOSIT! WE'D LIKE TO MOVE IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO WE'LL COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION ON MONDAY.

FINE, MR. ELLIS! HERE'S YOUR RECEIPT!



OH, I'M SO THRILLED, DAVID! IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE! WE'LL BE SO HAPPY THERE!

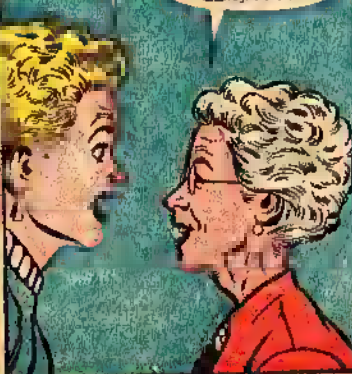
...AND SO AFTER WE TALKED IT OVER, WE DECIDED WE COULD PAY YOU \$18,000!

OH-I'M SO SORRY-BUT I'M AFRAID YOU'RE A LITTLE TOO LATE! THE HOUSE HAS JUST BEEN SOLD! SEE? I HAVE THEIR DEPOSIT RIGHT HERE!



WHAT? WHO ARE THE PEOPLE? MAYBE THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS...

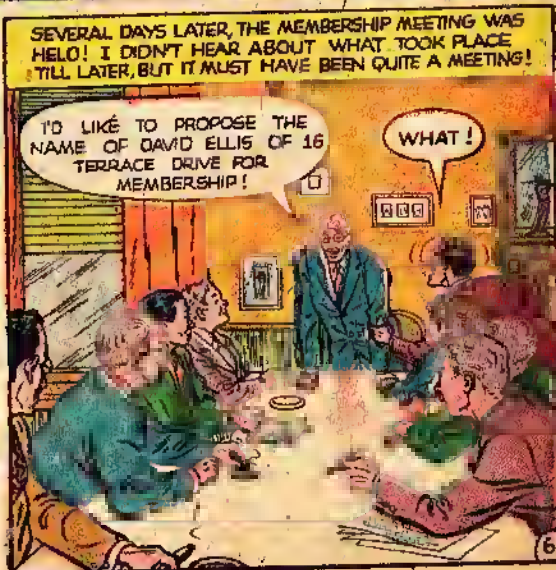
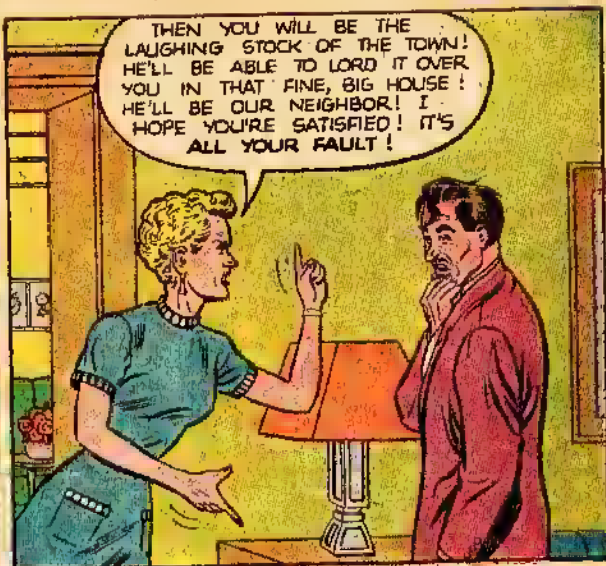
I DOUBT IT VERY MUCH, MRS. BOYD! THEY FELL IN LOVE WITH THE HOUSE! MAYBE YOUR HUSBAND KNOWS THEM-A MR. AND MRS. DAVID ELLIS! HE MENTIONED THAT HE WORKED FOR THE ELECTRIC COMPANY!

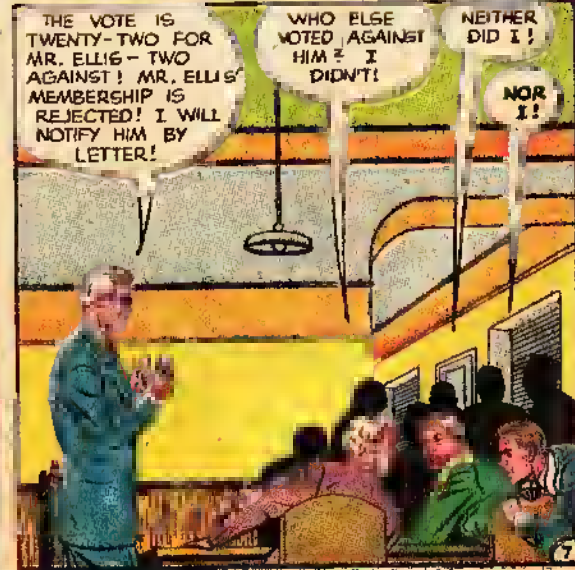
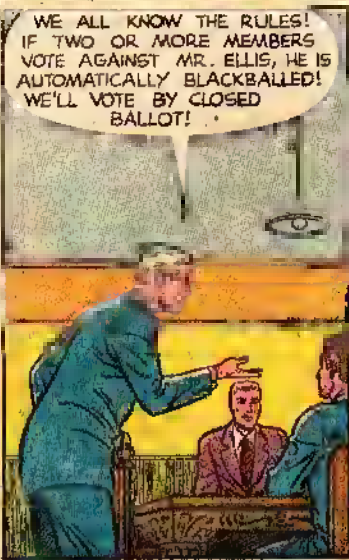
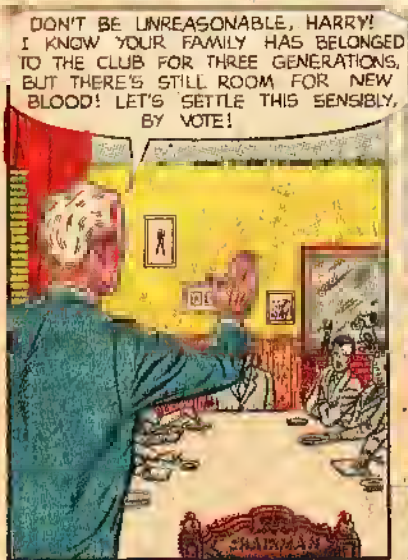
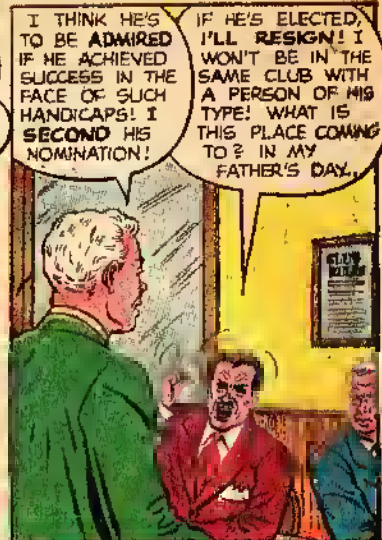
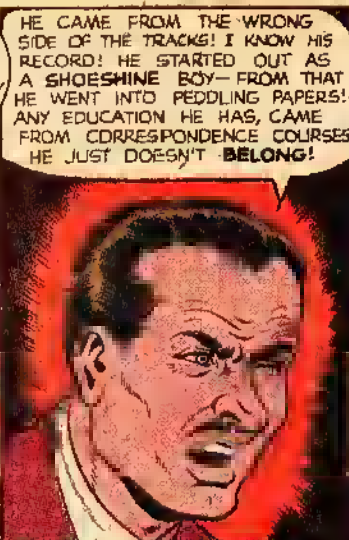


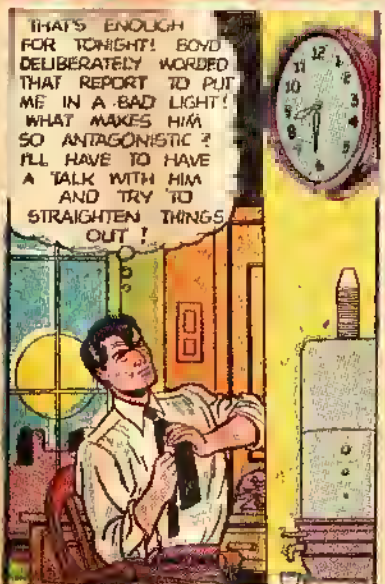
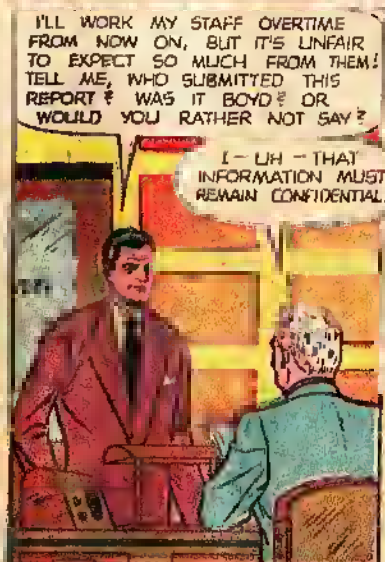
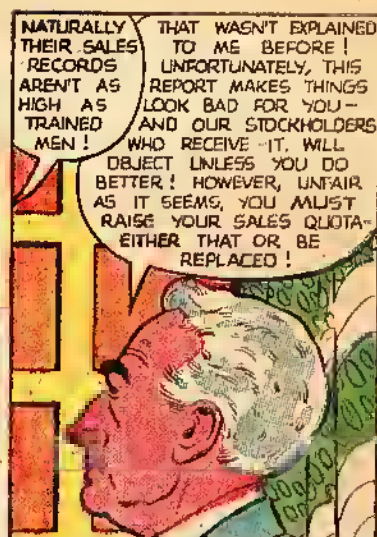
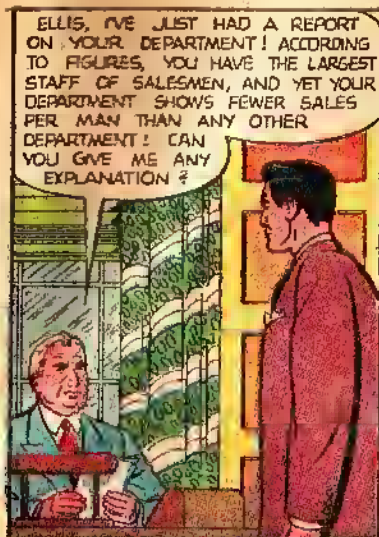
...AND I WAS TOO LATE! SOME PERSON NAMED ELLIS-DAVID ELLIS-BOUGHT IT! I'M SIMPLY FURIOUS! HE WORKS FOR YOUR COMPANY! MAYBE YOU COULD TALK HIM OUT OF IT-OFFER HIM MORE...



ELLIS!







I'M SO SORRY YOU HAD SUCH A BAD DAY AT THE OFFICE, DEAR! HERE'S SOMETHING THAT MAY CHEER YOU UP! I'VE BEEN TELLING JOHNNY ALL ABOUT OUR JOINING THE COUNTRY CLUB, AND HOW HE CAN GO SWIMMING AND LEARN TO PLAY GOLF!

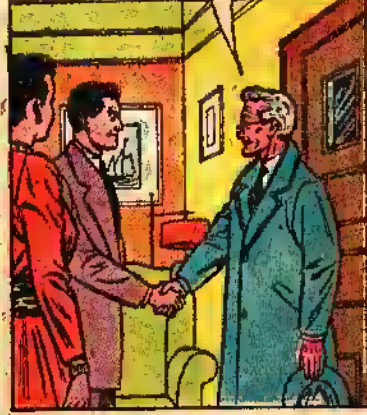


WHAT IS IT? WHY DO YOU LOOK LIKE THAT?

WE-THEY'VE REJECTED US! THEY DON'T WANT US! IT'S THAT TROUBLE-MAKER, BOYD! HE'S BEHIND THIS! I'M SURE HE IS!



I HAD TO COME AND EXPLAIN TO YOU ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP TO THE COUNTRY CLUB!



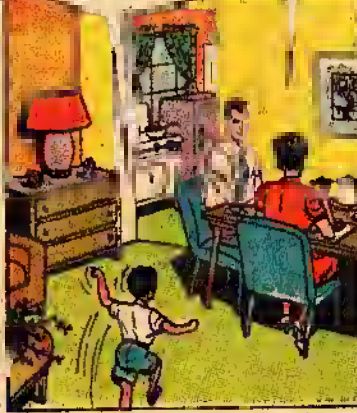
...AND SO, I WAS THE ONE WHO CAST THE SECOND VOTE AGAINST YOU! I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO REST SINCE! I'M GOING TO WITHDRAW MY VOTE EVEN THOUGH IT DOES MEAN LOSING MY JOB!

NO! I WOULDN'T THINK OF IT! ONLY THIS JUST CONFIRMS WHAT I THOUGHT! TOMORROW I MUST HAVE THIS OUT WITH BOYD!



DADDY! MOMMY! THAT MAN NEXT DOOR IS SAWING DOWN THE BIG BRANCH FROM OUR TREE! HONEST, HE IS!

HE MUST MEAN BOYD!



BOYD! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING! IF YOU CUT OFF THAT LIMB, YOU'LL SURELY KILL THE WHOLE TREE! STOP IT!

DON'T YOU DARE TELL ME WHAT TO DO! THIS LIMB IS ON MY PROPERTY - AND I DON'T WANT IT HERE!

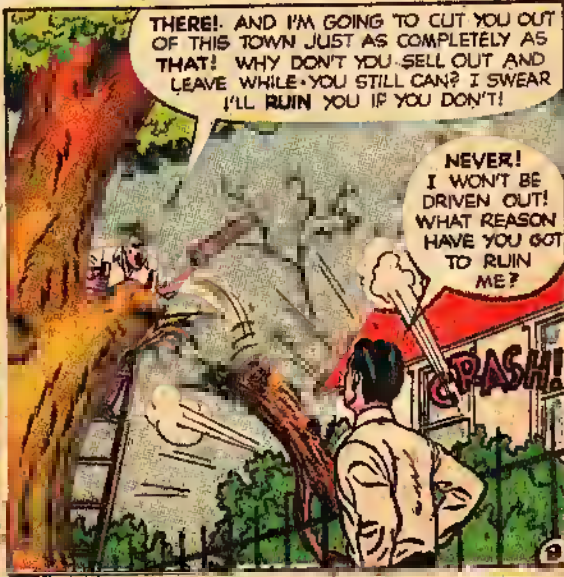


YOU KNOW THAT'S JUST AN EXCUSE! YOU'RE REALLY DOING IT OUT OF SPITE! WHAT'S WRONG? CAN'T WE SETTLE THIS PEACEFULLY? I WANT TO BE FRIENDS, BUT YOU'VE GONE OUT OF YOUR WAY TO HURT ME!



THERE! AND I'M GOING TO CUT YOU OUT OF THIS TOWN JUST AS COMPLETELY AS THAT! WHY DON'T YOU SELL OUT AND LEAVE WHILE YOU STILL CAN? I SWEAR I'LL RUIN YOU IF YOU DON'T!

NEVER! I WON'T BE DRIVEN OUT! WHAT REASON HAVE YOU GOT TO RUIN ME?





I'LL TELL YOU WHY! BECAUSE YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A CHEAP SOCIAL CLIMBER! YOU DON'T BELONG IN THAT HOUSE! YOU DON'T BELONG ON MY LEVEL! YOU'RE CHEAP TRASH AND YOU NEED TO BE PUT IN YOUR PLACE!

WHY, YOU—



I JUST DARE YOU TO HIT ME! I JUST DARE! THAT'S ALL I NEED! THEN I COULD GET YOU ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT! YOU WOULDN'T HAVE YOUR JOB AFTER THAT!



HA! SO YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND, DIDN'T YOU? NEVER MIND, I'LL STILL SEE TO IT THAT YOU'RE FIRED! IT MAY TAKE TIME, BUT I'LL WIN!



THAT INHUMAN DEVIL! IF IT WEREN'T FOR MY JOB, I'D—I'D...

HUSH, DARLING! CALM DOWN! IT'S DREADFUL, I KNOW, BUT I'M SURE THINGS WILL WORK OUT ALL RIGHT, REGARDLESS OF WHAT HE MORE CAN HE DO?



JANET, I SEE THAT THE POLIO EPIDEMIC IS GETTING WORSE! SEE THAT JOHNNY DOESN'T GO ANYWHERE NEAR CROWDS OR WHERE HE MIGHT BE EXPOSED TO IT!

DON'T WORRY, DEAR! I'LL SEE TO IT THAT HE STAYS IN THE YARD!



DAVID, I HAVE SOME DREADFUL NEWS! JOHNNY COMPLAINED OF NOT FEELING WELL AND I—CALLED IN THE DOCTOR—AND—AND—OH, DAVE—IT'S POLIO! THE DOCTOR IS POSITIVE!

WHAT! I'LL COME HOME AT ONCE!



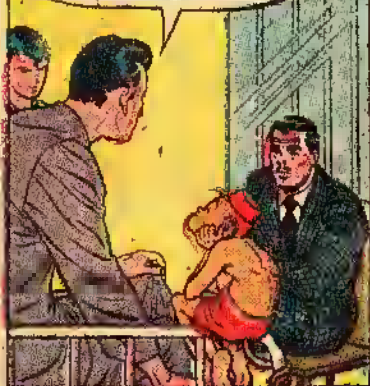
THERE'S NO HOSPITAL HERE IN TOWN! I'VE ARRANGED TO HAVE AN IRON LUNG SENT AT ONCE! YOU SHOULD HAVE NURSES ON TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR DUTY, BUT THERE ARE NONE AVAILABLE! YOU'LL HAVE TO NURSE HIM YOURSELF!



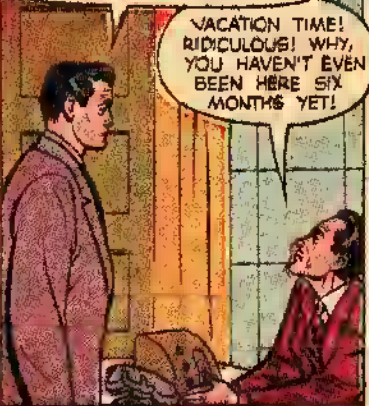
OH, DAVE! HE MUST LIVE! HE MUST! I FEEL SO SCARED! IF ONLY WE COULD GET A NURSE!

DON'T WORRY! WE'LL MAKE OUT ALL RIGHT! YOU GO TO BED NOW, AND I'LL STAY UP WITH HIM!

IT WAS TERRIFYING! NIGHT AFTER NIGHT I SAT UP WITH HIM—AND THEN DURING THE DAY I WENT TO WORK! BUT I COULDN'T THINK OF ANYTHING BUT JOHNNY! I TRIED TO ARRANGE TO HAVE MY VACATION, BUT...



I'M UNDER SUCH A STRAIN BECAUSE OF HAVING TO CARE FOR JOHNNY IN THE EVENINGS! I KNOW MY WORK IS SUFFERING BECAUSE OF IT! COULDN'T I TAKE MY VACATION TIME NOW AND...



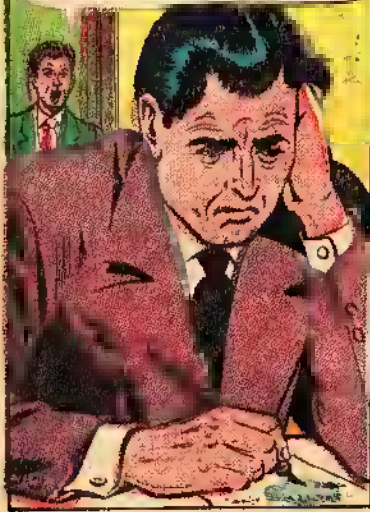
VACATION TIME! RIDICULOUS! WHY, YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN HERE SIX MONTHS YET!

PLEASE! CAN'T WE FORGET OUR PERSONAL GRUDGES RIGHT NOW? YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T COME TO YOU WITH THIS REQUEST IF I WEREN'T DESPERATE!



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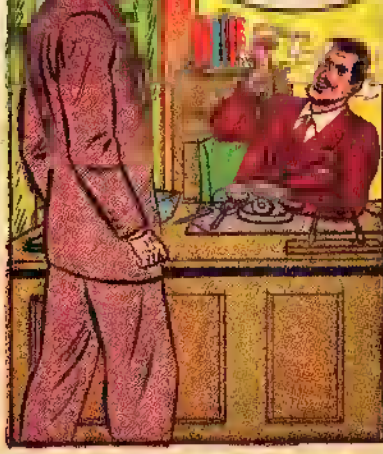
HEY, MR. ELLIS! MR. PARKER, THE BIG BOSS, WANTS TO SEE YOU!



I'M SORRY, ELLIS, BUT WE HAVE TO LET YOU GO! YOUR RECORD OVER THE PAST MONTH HAS BEEN SO BAD, WE HAVE NO CHOICE! YOUR PAY CHECK, INCLUDING SEVERANCE PAY, IS AT THE CASHIER'S DESK!



YOU WON THIS ROUND, BOYD, BUT YOU'RE NOT DRIVING ME OUT OF TOWN!



BAD NEWS, JANET! I LOST MY JOB! I'M SURE BOYD HAS A HAND IN IT, BUT I WAS TOO TIRED AND WORN-OUT TO ARGUE! HOW'S JOHNNY?

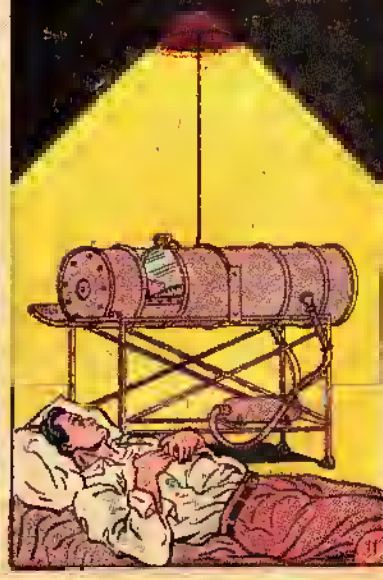


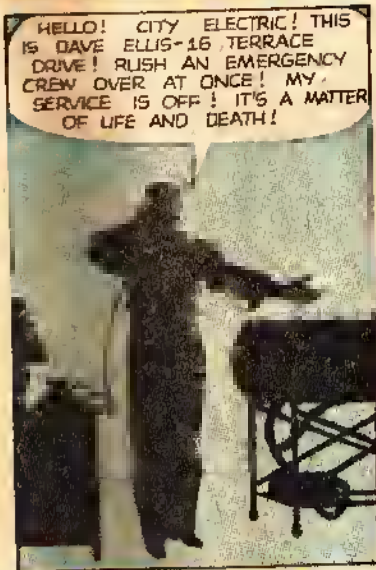
THE DOCTOR SAYS HE'S IMPROVING! IF EVERYTHING GOES SMOOTHLY FOR ANOTHER FEW WEEKS, HE MAY RECOVER!

YOU GET SOME REST, JANET! I'LL SIT UP WITH HIM!



ALL RIGHT! BUT YOU LIE ON THE COT! THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO SIT UP! IF HE CALLS OUT, YOU'LL HEAR HIM!







THE REST, YOU KNOW! I WENT OVER, BUT THE POLICE CAME BEFORE I COULD FINISH THE JOB! I SWEAR I NEVER WILL REST UNTIL I AVENGE "JOHNNY'S" DEATH!

A CALL FOR YOU, MR. LOOVER! I'LL PLUG THE PHONE IN HERE!



WHAT? WHAT? HE DID? WELL, YES, I'LL TELL HIM!



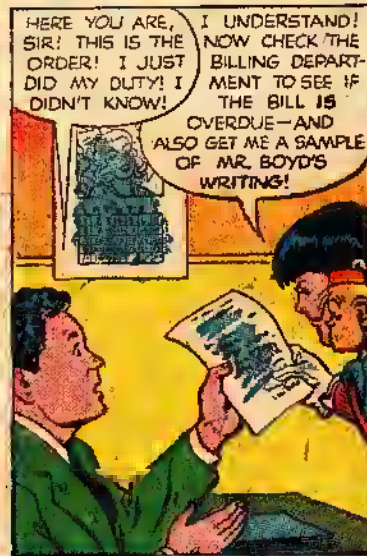
I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, ELLIS! JOHNNY IS ALL RIGHT! HE'S GOING TO LIVE! THE DOCTOR GOT THERE IN TIME AND CALLED THE EMERGENCY SERVICE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!

JOHNNY? ALIVE? I—I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!



THAT STILL DOESN'T TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING! BOYD IS OUT TO GET YOU YET, BUT WE CAN TURN THE TABLES ON HIM IF WE CAN ONLY PROVE HE DELIBERATELY HAD YOUR SERVICE CUT OFF!

I'LL GO RIGHT DOWN TO CITY ELECTRIC AND GET THAT ORDER!



HERE YOU ARE, SIR! THIS IS THE ORDER! I JUST DIDN'T KNOW!

I UNDERSTAND! NOW CHECK THE BILLING DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF THE BILL IS OVERDUE—AND ALSO GET ME A SAMPLE OF MR. BOYD'S WRITING!



THIS WHOLE THING IS A TERRIBLE MISTAKE, SIR! THAT BILL WAS PAID SEVERAL WEEKS AGO! THE ACCOUNT NEVER HAS BEEN DELINQUENT! HERE IS A LETTER FROM MR. BOYD'S DESK!



HA... A HANDWRITING EXPERT COULD PROVE THIS WAS BOYD'S BUT MORE SUBSTANTIAL PROOF WOULD HELP A LOT!



THE WRITING ON THE ORDER WAS DISGUISED! EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT BE ACCEPTED IN COURT AS EVIDENCE, IT WOULD MEAN A LOT OF TECHNICAL RED TAPE BEFORE WE COULD PROVE IT WAS BOYD'S! I HAVE A BETTER PLAN—ONE THAT MAY GET A CONFESSION OUT OF HIM!



BOYD'S IN THERE! THROW A GOOD SCARE INTO HIM, BUT FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE DON'T LOSE CONTROL OF YOURSELF AND REALLY DO HIM HARM!

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STAMP PAGE

by *SIDNEY M. ELIAS*

ALTHOUGH we in the United States celebrate October 12th, as Columbus Day, in honor of the accredited discoverer of America, history relates that Columbus actually never set foot on continental North America. Columbus made four voyages to the western hemisphere and during each trip he discovered new lands but none in North America. On his first voyage he landed on Watling Island in the Bahamas on Oct. 12, 1492 which at that time called San Salvador. During this voyage he also discovered Cuba and the island of Hispaniole,



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During the period 1495 to 1497 in which Columbus monopoly on exploration was cancelled by the King of Spain, a number of free-lance explorers sailed on expeditions to the new world. One of these explorers, Amerigo Vespucci claimed to have discovered in 1497 a new continent. On his return he made public many letters claiming that he discovered a new world. These letters were read and translated into different languages. On Waldseemullers map in 1507, the name of America was given to a body of land resembling South America. Vespucci's claim to his discovery was never verified and many prominent historians believed that he never made a voyage to the continent of North or South America. At the time went on map makers and historians called the new world America and later on as the territories were explored, the names of North, Central and South America were given to the different parts of the continent.

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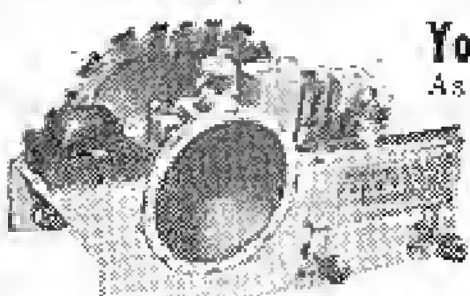
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